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MINNESOTA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

St. Paul. November 8-10, 1927

Headquarters—Lowry Hotel.

Single rooms. \$2.00, \$2.50 and \$3.00.
Double rooms. \$3.00, \$3.50 and \$4.00.
Make reservations for rooms with the hotel.
Make reservations for the dinner and luncheons with Miss Myra Buell, St. Paul Public Library.

Travel Certificates—Make request of C. G. Schulz, Secretary of the Minnesota Education Association, 919 Pioneer Bldg., St. Paul, for railway certificate between October 15 and 25. Tickets on sale Nov. 7th.

By arrangement with the M. E. A. all members of the Library Association will be granted the fare and one half rate.

Certificates must be secured in advance and presented when tickets are purchased.

Arrangements will be made, for members who desire, to attend certain sessions of the Minnesota Education Association.

Minnesota Library Association

ST. PAUL, NOV. 8, 9, 10, 1927

Tentative Program.

Nov. 8th Tuesday. Dinner meeting.

Short after dinner speeches by librarians presenting different phases of work.
Rural Public Library Service: Play by Ethel Berry and Hennepin County Library staff.

Nov. 9th Wednesday. 9:00 A. M.

Public Library administration

I. General Administrative Questions

- A. Function of library board
- B. Function of librarian
- C. The Library Budget

II. Problems of Organization

A. The Book Collection

1. Method of acquiring books
2. Inter-library loans
3. Method of withdrawing books
4. Shelving of the collection

B. The Circulation Desk

1. Atmosphere at the Desk
2. Registration of borrowers
3. Statistics of circulation

C. Publicity: Ruth Rosholt, Member of A. L. A. Committee on Publicity

Wednesday 12:30 Group luncheons: Hospital Librarians; Trustees; Small libraries.

Wednesday 2:30 P. M.

Free for visiting libraries. The State Library Division will be at home. (See invitation of Hill Reference Library and announcement of Hospitality Committee).

Nov. 10 Thursday 9:00 A. M.

Business Session

10:00 A. M. Reports of committees

Survey of The Field.—Miss Clara F. Baldwin, Director of Libraries.
"The Catalog and the Public." Miss Margaret Mann, University of Michigan Library School.

11:00 A. M. Catalogue section

Helen K. Starr, Hill Reference Library, St. Paul, chairman.

Discussion of Miss Mann's paper.

Cataloging experience a fundamental requisite in library work. Mrs. Jennie T. Jennings, Assistant librarian, St. Paul Public Library.
The use of Minnesota state documents in the small library.

12:30 Catalogers' Luncheon, Woman's City Club. Ruth Rosholt, Minneapolis, chairman.

Talk on the Paris Library school, Margaret Mann.

Please make reservations for the Thursday Catalogers' luncheon with Miss Starr, Hill Reference Library, St. Paul. 85c.

2:30 P. M.

Book Symposium

Your garden

Our South American neighbors

The Pacific Rim

With the Philosophers and Religious Leaders

The International Mind

Handicraft of the Orient.

M. L. A. HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE

The Hospitality Committee will make arrangements for the dinner meeting on Tuesday Evening, November 8th. A three-course dinner will be served at \$1.25 per plate.

Will all who wish reservations for this occasion, please communicate with Miss Myra W. Buell, Chairman of the Hospitality Committee, St. Paul Public Library, not later than November 1st?

Any groups wishing the Hospitality Committee to make arrangements for small luncheons on Wednesday noon are requested to communicate with Miss Myra W. Buell, Chairman of the Hospitality Committee, not later than November 1st. Wednesday Luncheons will be \$.75. The College Librarians have definitely decided upon a Wednesday Luncheon.

Automobiles will be provided for the transportation of librarians wishing to visit the various libraries in the Twin Cities. The Committee also plans to have a library representative at the Traveler's Aid Desk in the Union Depot to direct librarians to the Lowry Hotel.

The members of the Hospitality Committee wish to assist in every possible way to make this a pleasant occasion for visiting librarians.

MYRA W. BUELL,
Chairman, Hospitality Committee.

The Hill Reference Library Invites Delegates.

The members of the Minnesota Library Association are cordially invited to visit the Hill Library at their convenience during the convention, and to examine the many interesting items in the collection. The library is open every day from 9 A. M. to 10 P. M.

Exhibits.

The children's Book Week Exhibit will be ready and visitors are invited to examine the interesting display of books old and new at the Public Library. Other Exhibits of posters and devices will be made at the Lowry Hotel.

AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION Toronto Conference

In point of attendance, program and social features, the Toronto Conference was generally conceded to be one of the most successful in the history of the A. L. A. This, the third Canadian conference had an attendance of nearly 2000, making it second only to the banner jubilee-conference held last year in Atlantic City.

As to program, President Locke was fairly successful in achieving his purpose to have sessions close on time, in order to make possible the entertainment program. There were but four general sessions, all

in the evening, and each with a definite theme.

At the opening session, after singing the national anthems of Great Britain, the United States and Canada, there were addresses by Canon Cody, formerly Minister of Education for Ontario, Sir Robert Falconer, President of the University of Toronto, and President Locke, an abstract of which appears on another page. The second general session was an "international night" with addresses by W. F. Russell, Dean of Teacher's College, Columbia University, Colonel J. M. Mitchell, secretary of the Carnegie United Kingdom Trust and member of the British Government Committee on Public Libraries, and William W. Bishop, librarian of the University of Michigan, and chairman of the A. L. A. Committee on International Relations.

The third general session was devoted to library work with boys and girls, closing with the presentation of the John Newbery Medal for the most distinguished children's book of the past year to Will James for his book "Smoky." Mr. James was unable to be present, and the medal was received in his behalf by a representative of the Canadian publishers of the book.

The final session was Canadian evening with an address by Principal Grant of Upper Canada College, and a delightful program of Canadian music.

The section and round table meetings were full of enthusiasm and practical discussions. The publicity round table at which typical talks by librarians were made to a city board of apportionment in presenting the library's annual budget, to a meeting of county officials on the establishment of a county library, and to a political gathering on the necessity of voting a library bond issue stimulated much comment. Each speaker was criticized by a public speaking expert after which there was a criticism by the foreman of a jury of 12 librarians. The purpose of this meeting was to instruct librarians in the technique of public speaking on questions which affect the welfare of the library and its reading public.

Seven librarians gave five-minute reviews of the books they have enjoyed most in the past year at a meeting of the Order and Book Selection Round Table.

Mary Eileen Ahern, editor of "Libraries," discussed Sugimoto's "A Daughter of the Samurai." The other books were Spaeth's "Read 'em and Weep," reviewed by Dr. Arthur E. Bostwick, librarian of the St. Louis Public Library; Beebe's "Pheasant Jungles," reviewed by Milton J. Ferguson, librarian of the California State Library; Mim's "Advancing South," reviewed by Emily Van Dorn Miller, editor of the A. L. A. publications; Graham's "Gentle Art of Tramping," reviewed by Marion R. Service, chief of the

circulation department of the Detroit Public Library; Milne's "Winnie the Pooh," reviewed by Paul M. Paine, librarian of the Syracuse Public Library; and Rogers' "Colonel Bob Ingersoll," reviewed by William F. Yust, librarian of the Public Library, Rochester, New York.

In entertainment the conference was second to none. The hospitality extended by our president-host, supported by the City of Toronto, the Province of Ontario and the University of Toronto made every one feel at home. The delegates who were accommodated at the University residences were particularly fortunate and the arrangements for meals at Hart House were very satisfactory, not only in the quality of service but in affording an opportunity for getting acquainted.

Perhaps the unusual success of the social events was due to the activities of the "convener." In the person of Mr. Henry Button, the Toronto representative of J. M. Dent & Sons, this efficient officer headed the local hospitality committee, and was in charge of entertainments. There was an informal reception in the senate chamber of the University, after the first general session, by Sir Robert and Lady Falconer and Dr. and Mrs. George H. Locke; a reception in the beautiful quadrangle of Hart House by the Government of the Province of Ontario, on Wednesday night, including a dance in the gymnasium, and a series of dramatic performances in the splendidly-appointed theatre of Hart House; a garden party in the quadrangle of University College, on Friday afternoon, tendered by the Mayor and the Corporation of the City of Toronto; several teas throughout the week in the University residences; a sight-seeing and library-visit tour of the city and golf and tennis for those interested.

Another unusual feature was the excellent music. The band of the Queen's Own Rifles furnished music for the reception and dance at Hart House, and the 48th Regiment of Highlanders, gorgeous in their kilts, played at the garden-party. At one of the evening sessions choirs of children from the public schools sang charmingly, and at another the talented Hart House String Quartet played.

At the final Canadian evening, the conference was regaled by a two-part program consisting of a selection of chansons of the voyageur, the habitant, and the coureur-de-bois of early Canada, sung by M. Charles Marchand of Ottawa, with his quartet known as the Bytown (the ancient name of Ottawa) Troubadours, clad in lumberman's garb, and carrying their quaint, elongated, three-legged stools.

Carl B. Roden, librarian, Public Library, Chicago, was elected President for 1927-8.

Twenty-four invitations for the 1928 conference have been received. Among these are Chattanooga, Tenn., Chicago, Des Moines, Ia., Estes Park, Colo., West

Baden and French Lick, Ind., Memphis and Nashville, Tenn., and New Orleans.

The Midwinter meetings will be held at the Drake Hotel in Chicago on December 28, 29 and 30, 1927. There will be meetings of the A. L. A. Council, various boards and committees and the usual groups of college, university and normal school librarians. For detailed announcement see the A. L. A. Bulletin for December.

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

By Dr. George H. Locke

"We have heard so often from the platform and in the press the statement that this institution with which we are identified is educational in its scope, that this is in danger of becoming a platitude and I can imagine no worse fate than that we should tolerate platitudes, those fervent statements on the platform which deal in generalities and which not only do not land us anywhere but drug men's minds till they cannot see what action is really called for, and still less to rise to any action. It is much easier to mount on wings like eagles than to walk and not faint.

"But a real danger that comes from the looseness of thought and expression is that we turn disgusted to the other extreme and revert in practice to the old idea—and a false idea—that education is a state that some day will be reached, after which no further effort will be required. We forget that education is a process that is ever going on. Were it not so there would be much less excuse for the presence of such an institution as the library.

"We are living in an age when more than ever education is given not by schools and teachers only, but by social institutions, the newspapers and periodicals, the movies and cinemas, the Y. M. C. A., the correspondence study, the clubs, and even the churches who too have had to lend themselves to the movement, and adapt themselves to the social tendencies of the age so that they may compete with the outside social forces—and not least of all the agencies for education is the library.

"What every institution needs is the pioneer spirit. We can't be pioneers in action in the sense that our fathers were—times have greatly changed—but we can be pioneers in spirit and transfer the impulse of conquest from the physical to the social and educational life.

"The great task of this generation is to save democracy, to preserve it, and to inspire it. We represent a great democratic institution which can furnish not only the material resources by which this may be greatly aided, but we are reaching out to furnish interpreters of these resources so that individuals may equip themselves for intelligent service by becoming acquainted with the ideals that have inspired men to

serve, and also that they may acquire the knowledge that will enable them to exercise a right judgment in all things.

"I recognize that democracy and democratic government call for harder work and higher education and further vision than any form of government, in the world. And yet isn't the ideal worth while, and can't we as a great social and educational institution, manned by educated and enthusiastic members, do something worth while toward the realization of this ideal? True, one has moments of despair when he reads of the many failures, but when I am in that mood I think of those lines of Massingham:

"For like a child sent with a fluttering light
To feel his way along a gusty night,
Man walks the world. Again and yet again
The lamp shall be by fits of passion slain:
But shall not He who sent him from the door
Relight the lamp once more—and yet once more?"

LAKE REGION LIBRARY CLUB

The ninth annual meeting of the Lake Region Library Club was held in Willmar, June 9th and 10th, 1927, with representatives from the Library Division, Department of Education, and the libraries of Fergus Falls, Wadena, Crosby, Willmar, Brainerd, Anoka, Sauk Center and Benson present.

The meeting was called to order by Mrs. H. Bertelsen of Fergus Falls in the temporary absence of the president, Miss Eva Davis of Sauk Center. Mrs. Jones of Brainerd was made acting secretary in the absence of Mrs. Brick of St. Cloud. The members responded to roll call by telling of improvements in their libraries. There were a gratifying number of these.

It was with much regret that, owing to the illness of Miss Ethel McCubrey of Moorhead and Mrs. Jenny Lind Blanchard of Little Falls, we were unable to have the first two papers on the program "Public Libraries as Educators" and "The Library and the Community."

Mrs. Jones of Brainerd gave a paper on the recent fiction, showing the modern trend, giving criticisms of the outstanding novels, a classification according to theme with explanatory lists under each class. In this she was ably assisted by Miss Dorothy Harris, Children's Librarian of Brainerd.

In the absence of Miss Agnes Torpey of Morris, whose topic was "Outstanding Non-fiction," all members discussed this topic informally.

Miss Jean Stewart of Wadena in her "Fifteen Minute Periods with Grade Pupils" showed the remarkable progress these pupils had made under her instruction in using better English, by reading

excerpts from their papers. In one instance these papers had procured a new set of encyclopedias that had seemed unattainable. The results were proof positive that her fifteen minute periods had been very effective, and that the library and school can co-operate with great benefit to the pupils.

At 6:30 the librarians and trustees were guests of the Willmar Library Board at a delightfully appointed dinner. They were most heartily welcomed by the president of the Library Board, Rev. N. Nilsen, and the mayor of Willmar, Mr. Edwin Selvig. Miss Eva Davis of Sauk Center, President of the club responded with a few well chosen words. The gist of the gentlemen's remarks were that the library is one of the great aids in civic development because it places a liberal education within reach of everyone. There followed a delightful interlude in the form of two selections given by the Willmar Quartette.

We were very fortunate in having with us Miss Edith Frost, Willmar's first librarian, who gave reminiscences of the early days back in 1903 when the library was organized.

Mr. G. O. Brohaugh, Superintendent of Schools of Willmar spoke of the value of literature to our students, again linking the school with the library. He left with us the thought that real literature is life and urged that we fill ourselves to the brim with the best literature that we may live the fullest life.

Miss Baldwin, Director of Public Libraries spoke of recent developments in public libraries, both extensive and intensive, stressing the need of more county libraries which will fill the need of the rural communities.

Miss Wood, Director of School Libraries said that there had been a tremendous development of school libraries throughout the country, but that more were needed. Books in themselves are of no value unless one knows how to secure the treasures hidden within their covers. The work of the librarian is to teach the children how to find these.

June 10th

The meeting was called to order by the president, Miss Davis and the minutes of the last meeting were accepted as they appeared in Library Notes and News.

The following committees were appointed—Resolutions, Mrs. Bertelsen, Mrs. Goss and Miss Stewart. Nominations—Mrs. Jones, Miss Lewis and Mrs. Ingalls.

Regret was expressed that the absence of Mrs. McCord of Alexandria and Mrs. Selnes of Glenwood deprived us of the good we had expected to reap from their talks.

Miss Amy Lewis of Fergus Falls gave a history of the Reader's Guide and told us of many uses other than the common one.

There are always vexing problems arising in a library and these were informally discussed by all present.

Miss Brown of Benson read to us Mr. Judson Jennings' article on Lifelong Education which brings out the thought that education and school are not synonymous and that the county library is the best system whereby the rural community problem may be solved.

Miss Baldwin explained the Wisconsin plan of measuring library service in public libraries and Miss Wood analyzed the score card for school libraries being prepared by a sub-committee of the A. L. A. Committee on Education.

The report of the resolutions committee was read and accepted.

The report of the nomination committee was read and the following officers were elected:

President—Miss Amy Hanscom, Willmar
Vice-Pres.—Mrs. Georgia Goss, Anoka
Sec.-Treas.—Miss Nina Brown, Benson.

An invitation to meet at Anoka next year was gladly accepted.

The trustees with Mrs. Bertelsen as leader had a very informal meeting where they discussed financial problems of the library, salaries, service given to the schools and ways and means of interesting other trustees to come out to the meetings which they found of such mutual benefit.

The meeting adjourned with a vote of thanks to Miss Hanscom and her Library Board for making our meeting so pleasant and to the citizens of Willmar who opened their homes to us with such cordial hospitality.

An automobile ride was much enjoyed before train time.

CLARA T. JONES,
Acting Secretary.

SUMMER LIBRARY COURSES

The registration for library courses at the University exceeded any previous year with a total of 134. The largest number, 73 registered for the course in Book Selection for Public and School Libraries given by Harriet A. Wood of the Library Division of the Department of Education.

The course in Cataloging and Classification given by Alma Penrose came next with an enrollment of 63, and her course in School Library Administration enrolled 60 students. Miss Baldwin's course in Public Library Administration registered 39 students and Mr. Walter's course in Reference 28.

Twenty-five students had previously taken courses in the summer school or in the College of Education, showing the demand for additional training which exists.

Ina Firkins and Harold Russell of the University Library staff gave some lectures in the reference course. In the course in Public Library Administration Miriam E. Carey of the State Board of Control gave a lecture on Institution libraries and Ethel I. Berry, director of the Hennepin County Free Library, spoke on County libraries.

In connection with the course in Book Selection, a number of groups were organized for discussion of problems pertaining to various types of libraries as follows:

The Junior and Senior High School Group, Irma Davis, Chairman met on Mondays; the Rural Group, Josie Olsen, Chairman on Tuesdays and Librarians in Towns of 1000 up on Wednesday.

THE READING PROBLEM OF THE DEAF CHILD

The Minnesota School for the Deaf has a library of 4,874 volumes, and a full-time librarian, Mr. L. C. Tuck.

The following extract from Mr. Tuck's latest report reveals an interesting and unique problem in children's reading:

"Perhaps the most notable thing during the two years in connection with the library has been the continued growth of interest in and appreciation of the library on the part of the pupils.

In the use of the library and in their reading, the pupils are divided into three groups: the primary, the intermediate, and the advanced.

The first, or primary, group consists of the five lowest classes. Pupils come to us with little or no knowledge of language. All their lives they have had to get along without it. Almost from the day of his birth the hearing child has been familiar with spoken and colloquial language, and has constantly made use of what he heard; he fully comprehends ordinary conversation.

On the contrary, the deaf child is usually complete shut off from all language until he comes to school. There he is years behind his hearing brother. No one who has not lived with the deaf for years can have any real understanding and appreciation of his handicap when he undertakes to read. It takes years and years of patient effort to overcome this handicap.

It is difficult for him to follow conversation, and to keep up the connection in a story. He is continually meeting new words and unfamiliar expressions. The familiar conversational style which appeals so strongly to other children actually repels him. He does not care to read the usual popular story books because, even when he is able to make anything at all of them, he has to work so hard to understand them.

Deaf children need specially prepared, or specially selected, reading. Often it seems as if there were none to be had; at best the supply is very limited.

We have found the most satisfactory reading for younger pupils, aside from that specially prepared for the deaf, in the lower grades of school readers, and, especially when the teacher assists in the selection, these do fairly well in starting the pupils to read. We, therefore, have many elementary readers in our library,

and add to them whenever we have the opportunity.

From the sixth to the ninth or tenth grade the pupils are more or less able to select for themselves what they read, but the reading of the best of them is still very elementary compared with that of the same grades in the public school.

After nine or ten years at school, some, I hesitate to say many, are able to select wisely and to read intelligently and with enjoyment. Real readers are born, not made. I think, however, that there are, on the whole, as many, or more readers among the adult deaf as would be found among the same number of hearing people."

LIBRARY AIDS

Stories and Poems for Opening Exercises, by Elizabeth Ohr, is an index to 41 inexpensive books which contain appropriate stories and poems for school and church programs. Entries are grouped under the seasons, holidays, nature, trees, animals and under abstract qualities such as ambition, courage, etc. One copy, paper bound, is \$.40; ten copies, \$.35 each; twenty-five or more, \$.25 each.

The Care and Treatment of Music, by the A. L. A. Cataloging Committee, is a practical manual for music and cataloging departments. It discusses classification, book numbers, organization of card catalogs, binding, cataloging and care of Victrola records and of music rolls. There are rules for cataloging, a list of subject headings, table of keys, list of musical terms and a list of reference books, some of which are starred for first purchase. There is an index, also. In paper, \$.75.

Why We Need a Public Library is a clip sheet for newspapers and magazines which has been compiled to help the librarian who has "many calls for fillers for the daily and weekly newspapers, in campaigns for the establishment of local and county public libraries." This material may also be used by an established library. Such sections as deal with the recognition of the value of public libraries, with the library as an institution with a broad program, as a practical aid to business and labor, needed in the country as well as the city, as a strong influence in the lives of children, will prove invaluable to librarians in their publicity work. The price may be obtained from the American Library Association.

School Library Yearbook, No. 1, by the Education Committee of the A. L. A. For description, see A. L. A. Aids for the School Library, p. 258.

The above are all publications of the American Library Association and may be

obtained from them at their headquarters, 86 East Randolph Street, Chicago, Ill. or borrowed from the traveling library.

Standard Catalog Bimonthly. The July issue is the yearly cumulation of books prepared primarily for the small library that can buy at most two or three hundred books a year. The full notes will help the librarian to check up on her purchases of this year.

RECENT BOOKS OF MERIT

Librarians may borrow any of the following books for examination before purchase. Each of them will prove useful in some libraries but only actual perusal of the books themselves will determine which are most suitable for a particular collection.

Non-Fiction

Sabin, Frances Ellis. Classical myths that live today. Silver, 1927, 1.92. 290

In simple concise form the well-known myths have been told in a most readable way, with an abundance of accompanying illustrations and a most valuable section added, named In the world of today, quoting literary allusions and explaining current applications of classical terms. Useful for reference and reading as well, both in public and school libraries.

Cheyney, Edward Gheen. What tree is that? Appleton, 1927, 2.00. 582

Dedicated to those who know no botany and yet would know trees, this is a simplified guide, with clear line illustrations and text in outline form, for those just beginning their acquaintance with trees.

Gilbreth, Lillian Evelyn. The homemaker and her job. Appleton, 1927, 1.75. 640

"An intelligent, sensible and practical discussion written by an efficiency expert who has personally managed her own home and eleven children."—Booklist

Shepard, Odell. Harvest of the quiet eye. Houghton, 1927, 3.00. 814 or 824

"A quiet, companionable book recording a city dweller's two week walking tour through the Connecticut country side," interspersed with bits of poetry and charming illustrations.

Sedgwick, Anne Douglas. A childhood in Brittany eighty years ago. Houghton, 1927, 2.50. 914

A delightful book, in Mrs. Sedgwick's charming style, inspired by the reminiscences of an old French friend who recalls her life as a child in a period rich in quaint and interesting customs.

Jensen, Carl Christian. An American saga. Little, 1927, 2.50. 921

"A Danish immigrant's story, following his boyhood in Norway, adventures at sea, graduation from the University of Minnesota and introduction to social work. A strikingly individual work."—Wisconsin Library Bulletin.

Hall, Josef Washington (Upton Close, pseud). Revolt of Asia. Putnam, 1927, 2.50. 950

"A study of white dominations in the Far East, dramatically written in forceful, journalistic style, and based upon long residence in China and extended travel in Asia."—Booklist.

Fiction

Boyd, James. *Marching on.* Scribner, 1927, 2.50.

Those who have read and enjoyed *Drums* by the same author, will be interested in this story of the South during the Civil War.

Brown, Alice. *Dear old Templeton.* Macmillan, 1927, 2.50.

In this "quietly charming" story we read of the family life of dear old Templeton who is an "unsuccessful" writer and of his clever wife who "lectures smartly on smart topics".

Chase, Mary Ellen. *Uplands.* Little, 1927, 2.00.

"Unusual delicacy of style and matter distinguishes this idyllic story of springtime, young love and sorrow in the Maine hills."—Books.

Ertz, Susan. *Now East, now West.* Appleton, 1927, 2.00.

Contrasting English and American customs by means of transplanting an American couple to a few year's residence in Europe, Susan Ertz again tells an interesting story in an interesting manner.

Ferber, Edna. *Mother knows best.* Doubleday, 1927, 2.50.

A collection of short stories attractively bound, by this popular author.

Humphrey, Harriette Zephine. *Winterwise.* Dutton, 1927, 2.00.

"The peaceful security of a Vermont farmhouse in winter is reflected in this unpretentious chronicle which is charmingly genuine and imaginative."—Booklist.

Meigs, Cornelia. *The trade wind.* Little, 1927, 2.00.

This is the \$2,000 Beacon Hill Bookshelf prize story, laid in the period just before the Revolution. While primarily a story for older boys and girls, it will also be enjoyed by grown-ups interested in the romantic life pictured here.

Rolvaa, Ole Edvart. *Giants in the earth.* Harper, 1927, 2.50.

There is much local interest in this study of Norwegian immigrants by a professor at St. Olaf College, whose story was first written in Norwegian and has now been translated. It affords an interesting comparison with *Bojer's Emigrants*.

Wharton, Mrs. Edith Newbold. *Twilight sleep.* Appleton, 1927, 2.50.

A social satire of those dissatisfied men and women who seek to conceal life's tragedies in a personal twilight sleep of self-delusion.

Van Buren, Maud and Bemis, Katherine I. *Christmas in modern story.* Century, 1927, 2.50.

Contains twenty carefully selected Christmas stories by many prominent modern authors. *Christmas in storyland*, Century, 2.00 is a collection for children.

TRAVELING LIBRARY NOTES

We hope that librarians will make extensive use of our picture collection which is being advertised for the first time. We now have over four thousand copies of paintings in the art file, for which a title card index has been made. Members of women's clubs who are studying art, teachers who are interested in picture

study and many others will be able to borrow these pictures to make their programs and study hours more interesting. There are also over four thousand pictures in the miscellaneous collection—of life in other lands, of industries, of bird and animal life, of flowers, of famous people and places, of historic events and also some illustrations of Shakespeare's plays and the standard novelists. Librarians are invited to borrow generously from this picture collection whenever they feel that pictures will enliven discussions, book reports, study club programs, travel hours and class room study in a wide variety of subjects. Altho we cannot as yet promise to supply pictures in all subjects, as the collection is still somewhat in its infancy, we shall try to fill all requests coming to the office.

The new traveling libraries are practically complete and some sets have already been sent out to fill those early requests which have been on file. There are a few new German and French titles left which may be sent to the earliest applicants.

New Reading with a Purpose courses are on *The French Revolution* as told in *Fiction*, by William Stearns Davis, *Modern Drama*, by Barrett H. Clark, *The Stars*, by Harlow Shapley, and *Twentieth Century American Novels*, by William Lyon Phelps. We urge librarians to borrow the suggested books from the Traveling Library. Several do so regularly but there are many more who could supplement their own collections through this service. The courses are becoming increasingly attractive and readable. The fall months will be an advantageous time to introduce these courses to library patrons and clubs for their winter's reading.

Added to our collection of books in the *International Mind Alcove* are:

King, F. H. *Farmers of forty centuries.*

Balderston, Marion. *Here is England.*

Verrill, A. Hyatt. *Panama of today.*

Clifford, Sir Hugh. *A prince of Malaya.*
For children there are the following:

Olson, Elizabeth. *Friends of ours.*

Thomas, Margaret Loring. *George Washington Lincoln goes round the world.*

Adams, Katharine. *Midsummer.*

For the observance of Children's Book Week in November, librarians may borrow from this department the book maps, posters, publicity material and book lists which are available in the traveling library collection. To a certain extent the Library Division can also supply, on payment of postage, books to those libraries unable to make up displays entirely from their own collections. Send in early for this material.

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Fiction

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 Bromfield, Louis. A good woman.
 Cather, Willa Sibert. Death comes for the archbishop.
 Clifford, Sir Hugh. A prince of Malaya.
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 Rinehart, Mrs. Mary Roberts. Lost ecstasy.
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 Woolf, Virginia. To the lighthouse.

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 Barclay, Wade Crawford. Adult worker and work.
 Beard, Charles Austin. Rise of American civilization. 2v.
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 Briggs, Clare A. How to draw cartoons.
 Brunner, Edmund DeSchweinitz. Village communities.
 Burt, Emily Rose. Planning your party.
 Cunliffe, John William. Modern English playwrights.
 Dickinson, Thomas Herbert. Outline of contemporary drama.
 Dondore, Dorothy Anne. The prairie and the making of America.
 Goodrich, Arthur Frederick. Caponsacchi.
 Harris, Kilroy. Outback in Australia.
 Hazard, Mrs. Lucy Lockwood. Frontier in American literature.
 Heidenstam, Verner von. Swedes and their chieftains.
 Kane, John Francis. Picturesque America.
 King, Franklin Hiram. Farmers of forty centuries.
 Kuykendall, Ralph S. History of Hawaii.
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 Mountsier, Mabel. Singing youth.
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MILDRED L. METHVEN,
 Librarian.

HIGH SCHOOL DEBATING LEAGUE

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Great Lakes-St. Lawrence Tidewater Assn.
Charles P. Craig, Sec.
521-23 Munsey Bldg.
Washington, D. C.

National Rivers and Harbors Congress
S. A. Thompson, Sec.
824 Colorado Bldg.
Washington, D. C.

New York Waterways commission.
Henry W. Hill, Sec.
1926 Liberty Bank Bldg.
Buffalo, N. Y.

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BOOKS OFFERED

To make room on our shelves for books from broken traveling library sets, there are listed below books which the Library Division will send to libraries as permanent loans, on the payment of postage. The number of available copies is indicated and requests will be filled in the order

of their receipt. The books have been listed in two groups as they are judged of more interest to public or school libraries, but books will be sent from either group to both types of libraries.

Public Library

No. of
copies, Author, Title

- 7 Bergengren—Comforts of home.
- 3 Bolton—Famous English authors.
- 3 Boland—Handbook of invalid cooking
- 2 Brady—Conquest of the old southwest
- 4 Bronson—Poetry of American wit and humor
- 2 Cipriani—Tuscan childhood
- 5 Curtis—Play and recreation
- 3 Daniels—Furnishing the modest home
- 3 Flandrau—Viva Mexico
- 7 Foster—Something to do, boys
- 3 Franck—Four months afoot in Spain
- 3 Glover—Dame Curtsey's book of games
- 5 Hale—Mexico
- 5 Hall—Handicraft for handy girls
- 1 Kerfoot—How to read
- 3 Leupp—In red man's land
- 10 McClure—Making built-in furniture
- 3 Miller—Boys' book of hunting and fishing
- 5 Miller—Camping out
- 7 Nicholson—Valley of democracy
- 2 Pickett—Literary hearthstones of Dixie
- 3 Priestman—Art and economy in home decoration
- 12 Quinn—Planning and furnishing the home
- 3 Riis—Old town
- 7 Rohe—The dress you wear
- 3 Schwartz—Famous pictures of children
- 5 Steveni—Things seen in Sweden
- 4 Talbot—New garden of Canada
- 4 Wood—Tourists' California
- 3 Wright—Inside the home of good taste

School library

- 10 Adams—When mother lets us model
- 5 Adams—When mother lets us carpenter
- 2 Arctander—Apostle of Alaska
- 2 Bancroft—Book of games
- 14 Bassett—Story of glass
- 5 Bell—Singing circle; a picture book of action songs
- 5 Brunner—Tracks and tracking
- 2 Butterworth—Story of Magellan
- 14 Catherwood—Boyhood stories of famous men
- 4 Catherwood—Heroes of the middle west
- 9 Chaucer—Tales of the Canterbury pilgrims, retold by Darton, ill. by Thomson
- 6 Clemens—Tramp abroad
- 3 Collins—Camera man
- 3 Cooper—Some English story tellers
- 5 Crothers—Gentle reader
- 8 Crowninshield—Robert Louis Stevenson songs
- 3 Cunliffe, Pyre and Young—Century readings in English literature

- 2 Dickens—Child's history of England
- 3 Eastman—Indian scout talks
- 3 Faris—Winning their way
- 3 Franck—Great authors in their youth
- 1 Fraser—Boys' book of battles
- 2 Gettamy—True story of Paul Revere
- 5 Gilbert—More than conquerors
- 2 Gilman—Robert E. Lee
- 3 Griswold—Personal sketches of recent authors
- 11 Hasbrouck—LaSalle
- 3 Henley—Lyra heroica
- 2 Holland—Historic events of colonial days
- 3 Holmes—Autocrat of the breakfast table
- 6 Homeplays for boys and girls
- 3 Horne—David Livingstone
- 3 Jonckheere—When I was a boy in Belgium
- 2 Lane—Henry Ford's own story
- 2 Longfellow—Children's Longfellow
- 3 Lowe—Literature for children
- 2 Mabie—Heroines every child should know
- 11 MacDonald—Chandra in India
- 5 MacDonald—Donald in Scotland
- 2 McGregor—Romance of the Netherlands
- 3 Maeterlinck—Blue bird
- 3 Mair—English literature, modern
- 2 Marshall—Scotland's story
- 3 Marshall—Island story
- 6 Mathews—Livingstone, the pathfinder
- 4 Miller—Kitecraft and kite tournaments
- 11 Mokreivitch—When I was a boy in Russia
- 4 Moses—Louisa M. Alcott
- 11 Norton—Heart of oak books
- 6 Olcott—Story telling poems
- 4 Parkman—Oregon trail
- 2 Pearson—Study of literature
- 2 Pinkerton—Canoeing
- 4 Poulsson—Songs of a little child's day
- 3 Riis—Making of an American
- 4 Riley—Rhymes of childhood
- 2 Roosevelt—Stories of the great west
- 4 Sedgwick—Four plays for children
- 8 Shakespeare—As you like it
- 2 Sparks—Expansion of the American people
- 3 Steiner—From alien to citizen
- 5 Stevenson—Child's guide to biography
- 2 Stimpson—Child's book of American biography
- 15 Sutcliffe—Robert Fulton
- 3 Tappan—Letters from colonial children
- 3 Tappan—Chaucer story book
- 4 Thwaites—Father Marquette
- 3 Thwaites—History of the United States
- 12 Wade—Pilgrims of today
- 9 Wade—Wonderworkers
- 2 Wheeler—Woodworking for beginners
- 3 Wheelock—Wagner operas told for children
- 7 Withington—Book of athletics

Any of the following will be sent to any library, which will pay transportation.

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H. W. SEWALL, Librarian
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FOR SALE

Charities, v. 16-21. Half Morocco, brown, \$1.50 per vol.

Critic, v. 36-49. Half Morocco, brown, \$1.50 per vol.

Good Housekeeping, v. 44-56. White oil-cloth, \$1.10 per vol.

Touchstone, v. 2-8, Black buckram, \$1.00 per vol.

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Owatonna, Minn.

LIBRARIANS

Helen Cornell, reference librarian in the Library Division, has resigned her position, and accepted an appointment in the Catalog Department of the California State Library. She will leave for California October 1st.

Mildred V. Kress, formerly assistant in the St. Paul Library, University of Illinois Summer School, 1927, has been appointed reference librarian, beginning October 1st.

Maude E. Robinson, for 19 years secretary to Miss Baldwin in the Library Division, resigned September 1st to take a course in dietetics at Stout Institute, Menominee, Wis.

Alma Penrose, who has been librarian of the University High School for the last five years, has been elected librarian of the St. Cloud Public Library, succeeding Mary Hale, who has resigned. Miss Penrose began work August 1st.

Mrs. Marie Brick, who served as librarian at St. Cloud for over twenty-five years, and has been assistant during the past year, has resigned and will spend the winter in Minneapolis with her son who attends the University.

Ellen B. Lawin, St. Paul Public Library, formerly assistant librarian at International Falls, returned to International Falls as librarian September 1st.

Gyla Caulfield, formerly teacher-librarian at Lakefield, has been elected school and public librarian at Pine Island. Miss Caulfield attended the Summer School and began work at Pine Island August 15th.

Hazel Roche, school librarian at Biwabik the past year, has become librarian of the public library at Pipestone succeeding Mrs. Funk, resigned. Vira Morgan has been elected assistant.

Mary L. Southworth, librarian of the Northfield Public Library for the past nine years has resigned her position. Anna Nystuen, who has been part-time assistant for two years, has been elected to succeed her.

Mrs. Louise M. McIntyre is librarian at North St. Paul, succeeding Mrs. Annetta Taverna who died last winter.

Mrs. H. H. Allison who has been librarian at Aitkin for the past five years has resigned on account of her health and has gone to Jefferson City, Mo. to be with her daughter. Mrs. Helen Teeter, has been elected librarian.

Elizabeth Ewing, assistant in the Historical Society Library reading-room resigned to be married. Margaret Deane Murray, Hamline University, has been appointed assistant. Leone Ingram, Carleton College and Minnesota Summer School, succeeds Constance Humphrey as catalog assistant.

Resignations on the Staff of the Minneapolis Public Library have taken place as follows:

Ruth Upton to take a position as assistant to the librarian at the University of North Dakota; Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Whiting who have taken positions in the Los Angeles Library; Nyria Gile and Clare Luger who resigned to be married; Mrs. Margaret Deane Moore; Sarah Lamb to attend Library School at the University of Wisconsin, and Beatrice Jepson to attend Library School in Los Angeles.

Transfers and Appointments are:

Evelyn M. Osborn, assistant, School Department to Librarian of Franklin Jr. Branch; Gertrude Loehl from the Sumner Branch to librarian of Roosevelt Branch; Irmadean Bowen, Los Angeles Library School, Walker Branch; Margaret Church, Los Angeles Library School, Linden Hills Branch; Mary Fleck, Los Angeles Library School, Lincoln Junior Branch; Helen Hancock, Columbia University Library School, North Branch; Selma Lindem, University of Illinois Library School, Bryant Jr. Branch (in November); Dagny Midefart, Simmons Library School, Franklin Avenue Branch; Fay F. Stahl, Oregon Agricultural College Library, Central Avenue Branch; Helen Vogel, Pratt Institute

Library School, Hosmer Branch; Katharine Yerxa, Columbia University Library School, Business Branch.

Recent appointments on the Staff of the Duluth Public Library are:

Alice Brown, formerly in charge of work with schools for the Cincinnati Public Library and a graduate of the Carnegie Library School, who succeeds Ruth Peters resigned, as supervisor of work with children; Pauline Lambert, a graduate of the New York State Library School, assistant in the Reference Department and the Open Shelf Room; Louva Crane, a graduate of the Wisconsin Library School, as general assistant. Miss Crane will have charge of the new Woodland Branch Library when it is completed.

Harriet Dutcher, head of the Reference Department, returned September 1st from a summer in Europe.

Esther Votruba, of the Reference Department, Duluth Public Library, will attend the Western Reserve Library School, Cleveland.

Clara Mae Barnes, children's librarian at Buhl, accepted a position as children's librarian in Seattle, and left early in August. Helen Weaver of Mount Pleasant, Iowa, Iowa Summer School, succeeds Miss Barnes as children's librarian at Buhl.

Marian Lambert, for the past two years children's librarian at Muskogee, Oklahoma, formerly assistant in the St. Paul Public Library, has been appointed children's librarian at Chisholm.

Florence Wright, assistant at Chisholm, was married to Mr. Richard Mallman, and resigned September 30th. Norma Herreid resigned September 1st, to become assistant in the children's room, Beloit Public Library.

May Smith, head of circulation, Hibbing Public Library, resigned June 1st to accept a position in the Normal School Library, at Charleston, Ill. New appointments on the Hibbing staff are Fay Hart, Illinois Library School; Dorothy Wing, LaCrosse, Wis., Simmons College Library School, librarian of the South Hibbing Branch.

Glendora Bell, Austin, Minn., University of Michigan Library School has been appointed general assistant in the Eveleth Public Library.

Leone Furtney, Minneapolis Public Library, has been appointed children's librarian at Eveleth, succeeding Gladys Ecklund, resigned.

Maxine Sperry, first assistant, Owatonna Public Library, has resigned to enter the University of Wisconsin. Gratia Dinsmore becomes first assistant and Betty Zieger, who has had a two years apprentice course in the library and attended the University summer school has been appointed second assistant. Margaret Keefe will take the second year's course of apprentice work and serve as substitute.

NEWS FROM PUBLIC LIBRARIES

NOTE—Items of news for this column are solicited from all libraries in the state. These should be real news items, indicating some progress, or new plan which may be suggestive to other libraries. Notes should be sent to the Director of Libraries by the 15th of the month preceding each issue of the bulletin, which appears quarterly in March, June, September and December.

Alexandria—The library board is making a special effort to establish a museum in the basement of the library building. A number of interesting articles have already been donated, and an appropriation of \$500 has been made by the city for use in fitting up the room whenever the collection warrants the expenditure. A fine collection of Indian relics found in Douglas County has recently been lent by Alfred Bergsten and Harlan R. Johnson of Garfield.

Appleton—A one-mill tax, amounting to \$500, will be available next year. This is nearly double the present appropriation.

Austin—The library lawn was resodded, and a border hedge and cement driveway put in. Deposit stations have been maintained during the year at the Y. W. C. A. and the Webster school building. In honor of two deceased members, a boys' club which recently disbanded turned over the balance in its treasury (\$8.25) to the trust fund of the library for the purchase of books.

Blue Earth—The tax levy was raised to 2 mills the past year. The library grounds have been beautified by landscape gardening.

Brown's Valley—The library appropriation has been raised to \$730 per year.

Buhl—The Peter Pan Dramatic Club met regularly at the library during the winter. Three plays were produced, each of which attracted an audience of about 200. The plays were "Earth Magic," a Hallowe'en play, "All Aboard for Healthland," a health play, and "The Birthday Cake." A careful system of cooperation with the schools was carried out, whereby the privilege of taking part in public performances was determined by faithful attendance at club meetings, and by school marks.

Chisholm—The library building was redecorated during the summer, including painting of walls and ceiling, and varnishing of woodwork and furniture.

Climax—The village of Climax has received, through bequest, the private library of Hon. Halvor Steenerson, former Congressman. The library contains about 1000 volumes, including many books of history, biography and government publications.

Coleraine—The public library has 921 borrowers from Bovey, Taconite and other nearby towns and rural communities, more than half of the total number of registered borrowers.

A list of all books added since January 1926, with some statistics regarding the library, has recently been published.

Crookston—A gift of 84 volumes of the Century magazine has been received from Mrs. A. A. Miller, completing the set of this magazine.

The librarian gave a talk to the Kiwanis Club at one of their weekly meetings, showing the increased activities of the local library and emphasizing the need of a county library for Polk County.

Duluth—The Duluth Public Library, main building, has been undergoing a quite thorough renovation this summer, and additions of two wings for offices, are being built in the rear. Almost the entire building has been redecorated, new lighting fixtures installed, a new mezzanine floor added to one stack increasing the shelf space materially, and new loan desk installed. When the additions are completed which will be shortly, a new room which will be devoted to intermediates will be added to the Children's Department, a new reading room for newspapers and magazines will be opened and a room made available for the valuable Americana collection.

A new station in rented quarters opened in September in the Hunter's Park District. The station is in two rooms, one for children's books and one for adults. The station is designed to serve both the Morley Heights district and the Hunter's Park.

The Library has been asked to put a collection of books, chiefly foreign, in the new settlement being opened by various agencies in the city on Raleigh Street.

Cooperating with the Chester Park Parent-Teachers' Association, the Library will operate a station at the new Chester Park School. Books will be furnished by both the Library and the association and the Library will provide the attendant.

Eveleth—Plans for a \$30,000 addition to the public library building were approved by the council in August, and the contract has been let. The addition will extend back 28 feet on the south side of the present building, providing ample space for a children's room, with adequate lighting and ventilation on the ground floor. Owing to the slope of the ground, this room will be entirely above ground and there will be a separate outside entrance. On the main floor, the addition will include a stackroom, two reference or study rooms, a librarian's office and workroom. The library had an exhibit at the Eveleth Farmers' Day fair, September 16-18.

Faribault—The recataloging of books which has been under way since last spring has been completed.

Fergus Falls—The library was closed for the last two weeks of August, while a

mezzanine floor is being put in to provide for more stack-room. The city council added \$500 to the library levy for this purpose.

Grand Marais—The librarian, Miss Lucy Keller, has organized a kinder symphony and the first performance was given early in September for the benefit of the library. The proceeds amounted to \$21.90.

International Falls—As the room in the High School building which has been used for the school and public library is needed for school purposes, arrangements are being made to fit up a room in the city hall for the library. At present the books belonging to the county collection are housed in the grade school building, and the former reading room is used as a study hall.

Jackson—Increasing patronage at the public library has made it necessary to increase the hours of opening to three afternoons and evenings a week. Two new reading tables have been purchased.

Lake Crystal—The public library has been re-classified and shelf-listed with the assistance of Miss Methven of the Library Division.

Lindstrom—A silver tea for the benefit of the public library was given early in September at the home of a member of the library board. There were programs given in the afternoon and evening, consisting of music, readings and talks.

Madison—The library was thoroughly cleaned and re-decorated during the summer.

Mankato—The privilege of borrowing ten or more books at a time was extended during the vacation months.

Minneapolis—Bloomington Station was moved in July into larger quarters at 3009 Bloomington Avenue. This station will be developed into a branch. Miss Ruth Kittell will be in charge.

Olivia—Members of the library board spoke before the Kiwanis Club at a recent luncheon on the work of the library. The library is now in pressing need of more suitable quarters, rooms on a ground-floor more easily accessible to the public, and it is hoped that steps will be taken by the civic organization, or by the council to supply that need.

Owatonna—The city council has voted to install heating service in the library building from the Municipal Utilities System, the cost not to exceed \$1200. The reclassification according to the Dewey system has been completed.

Pipestone—The library board has made a contract with the school board whereby a trained librarian will be employed jointly by the two boards. The librarian will divide her time between the public and school libraries and supervise the work of both. Miss Hazel Roche, school librarian at Biwabik last year, and a graduate of the University of California Library School

has been elected librarian with Miss Vira Morgan as assistant.

Red Wing—The vacation reading club has completed another successful season. Diplomas and a pin were awarded to 98 children, who read 10 recommended books, and 41 children read 5 books and received a pin, meaning membership in the club.

A framed copy of the Flag code was presented to the library by the American Legion, and will be placed in the children's room for the present.

Rochester—The banner for reading the largest number of books was presented to the Lincoln school. The contest was conducted for a period of sixteen weeks from January to May. The children made verbal reports to the children's librarian about the books read.

St. Cloud—A plan to raise money for equipping a children's room in the basement has been inaugurated by the Reading Room Society and other organizations.

The librarian spoke before the Kiwanis Club at one of their noon luncheons. The members of the library board were guests of the club.

A talk was also given to the Mother's Club at the Roosevelt School on the west side. The school is asking to have a library branch installed, as the children are too far from the central library to make much use of it. A room with an outside entrance is available.

St. Paul—Through the courtesy of the St. Paul Association, an exhibit of Lindbergh souvenirs was held at the public library for ten days, beginning August 27th. These consisted of the large gold medal presented to Col. Lindbergh by citizens of Minnesota, two medallions given in 1909 to the Wright Brothers and since presented to Lindbergh, an autographed souvenir program of the banquet given in Col. Lindbergh's honor at the Hotel St. Paul, several photographs of his doings in St. Paul and a wooden model of the "Spirit of St. Louis."

South St. Paul—The new library building has been occupied since the first of August, but the formal dedication will be held later in the fall when the furnishings are completed.

Wabasha—The library will receive an additional appropriation of \$250 next year.

Winnebago—The building occupied by the library has been deeded to the village by the Presbyterian Church. In addition, Mr. James Damon has deeded an 18 foot lot to the village for library purposes and has contributed \$455 towards repairs on the building.

Worthington—A. M. Welles, publisher of the Worthington Globe, and a member of the library board makes an annual gift of \$100 to the library for books. The gift was originally designed to purchase books on history and civics. \$25 is now devoted to this class of books and the remainder used for books of general interest.

COUNTY LIBRARY NEWS

Dakota County—Grace Dorival, librarian of the American Legion Memorial library at South St. Paul, which is free to Dakota County, spent two days at the County Fair in Farmington advertising the service to the county.

Hennepin County—Excelsior Branch has moved into larger quarters during the summer. Edith Corson has been appointed librarian at Glen Lake Sanatorium. She began work July first after some preliminary training in hospital library work with Mrs. Bailey, hospital librarian of the Minneapolis Public Library.

The Hennepin County book wagon will be sent to Eau Claire to be exhibited at the meeting of the Wisconsin Conference of Social Workers.

Koochiching County—The following letter was sent to teachers in Koochiching County the first of September:

Since there are teachers in the county who are new, let me give a brief explanation of the library service. The books belonging to the Koochiching County schools are housed in the International Falls Public Library with those belonging to the high school of the city, to South International Falls, and to International Falls itself. The entire collection may be drawn upon by the county teachers. At the beginning of each year, they send in lists of books that they want to use. We supply as many as we can, and for those that are not available, substitute others on the same subject and suitable for the same age of reader, wherever possible. The library pays transportation charges both ways, keeping a record of the amount the teachers spend when returning packages, and paying it back to them later.

We shall send you an Elementary School Library List and an Elementary School Library List Supplement (as well as a High School Library List, if your school requires it). You may make your selection from these lists, and we supply what we can. You are entitled to as many books as you can use to good purpose at one time, and you may add to your collection as other titles are requested. As you discover that certain books are no longer being read, please return them, inasmuch as other schools may be waiting for them. We have found it more satisfactory to send fewer books in one collection and to change collections several times during the year.

On the enclosed card, will you please fill in the number of boys and the number of girls in each grade in your school, and return it to us as soon as possible. This information we find essential in choosing suitable substitutes, or in sending collections when the teacher does not say definitely what she wants.

We shall give your orders as prompt attention as possible under the circumstances. These are not the most favorable, because the books at present are housed in two places, pending the library's occupation of its new quarters in November or December, or, perhaps, later. However, do not hesitate to call upon us, as we want to be of service to you.

ELLEN B. LAWIN, Librarian.

Ramsey County—The new Ramsey County Library bus has been welcomed with joy by both old and young among the rural residents. We have been serving the County in this manner for three months, and during this time more than twice as many books have been issued as in any previous year for the same period of time. We feel, however, that the greatest gain is not in numbers of books circulated but in the possibilities for better service, for making new contacts and bringing new interests to the rural people who have been unable to use any of our County Stations in the past.

This "traveling library" of ours makes stops at road crossings, lake cottages, small stores, garages, and schools. On one trip as we draw up beside a large field of onions, boys of various ages scamper to the roadside to fortify themselves with reading for a rainy evening. The first time our new bus appeared before the door of one of our friends she thought it an ambulance in spite of its light tan hue. Her fright was soon dispelled, however, and she has since become a very appreciative patron of the traveling library. One young woman, who was considering the adoption of an infant, before deciding to accept the new responsibility, asked for material on the feeding and bathing of children. "Can elm trees be transplanted in the fall?" asks one of our patrons; and another, a small boy, wishes we would bring him a good book on motor boats so that he can repair his, and so on ad infinitum.

During the school year we shall place a collection of books selected in relation to the school work in each school, and these books will be exchanged frequently. The traveling library will also stop at each school allowing time for the teachers and pupils to make their own selections.

MYRA W. BUELL.

Steele County—The school and village library at Blooming Prairie was reorganized during the summer with the assistance of Miss Sperry and Miss Dinsmore of the Owatonna library staff. The work was done as part of the service given to the County by the Owatonna library.

"A DAY ON THE HENNEPIN COUNTY LIBRARY BOOKWAGON"

That "Variety is the very spice of life" and of a librarian's life at that, might well

be said of a day's experience in taking books to the people of rural Hennepin County by book truck.

Hennepin County Library has a new Bookwagon that travels the year round throughout the county on ten scheduled routes each month over all kinds of roads and in all kinds of weather. Headquarters for the County Library are at the Minneapolis Public Library and it is here that on the day before a County trip, boxes are packed with books for some of the twenty branch libraries and fourteen deposit stations in the County, and special book requests are looked up for the many individuals along the route.

We start from the main library at 9 o'clock in the morning with the shelves inside the truck well loaded with books—adult on one side and juvenile on the other, and underneath these shelves we carry boxes of books and supplies to the branches.

Our first stop is at a busy three-room rural school where the teachers and pupils take so many books that we wonder if there will be enough left to supply others along the way. Our next stop takes us to a home where the mother wants a copy of the "Wide, wide world" just to see if her fifteen-year old daughter will like the book as well as she did when she was a girl. (We found out on the next trip that she did and the mother remarked that "after all the present generation of girls is not so different from the past one"). At the next school, the teachers had chosen a collection of books at the main library on the Saturday before our regular trip, so we only stopped long enough to exchange boxes of ingoing and outgoing books. Next comes a group of several families who have exchanged books with each other and we must learn to know whom is meant when they say, "You will find that book at Willie's house, he ran out of reading last month and borrowed all our books."

The honk of our horn in front of her home brings out the lady who likes books in Norwegian or Danish. We loaned her Ibsen's poems and she asked us to bring her some of Bojer's stories on the next trip.

The friendly people living at the Telephone exchange borrow many books, for they loan them in turn to their neighbors in the community and if we find many books overdue, it is an easy matter for them to call their friends on the telephone and tell them to "hurry over with their books, as the library has just arrived with new ones."

At the little one-room school perched up on the hill a couple of miles further on, we leave stereographs as well as books, for they have borrowed one of the library stereoscopes, and the children look at the pictures as a reward for good behavior.

A delicious luncheon is always ready for us at one of the attractive farm-houses

along the way and if we have saved a few new and especially good books for these friends who read so much, our seeming partiality should be forgiven, for we do get such a good lunch!

After lunch there are visits to two homes where poultry books are in great demand, to another home where the mother wants a good book on the proper food for her children, and where the father is interested in seeing that his son gets a good start in learning to play the violin and wants the best book on the subject. We then distribute material for both sides of a debate on "Which is more profitable to have on a farm—a modern barn or a modern home." The librarian tried to appear unprejudiced but evidently didn't succeed for the man who led one side of the debate said, "Well, you may sympathize with the house side but you had better put up a prayer for the barn side. The women are on the house side and you can't argue with a woman."

We then visit four villages in each of which we have a flourishing branch library. Two of them are in rooms in town halls donated to the County Library by the Town Council for library purposes. The third is a small room in a school building and the fourth has a library building of its own built by the people of the town. At these places we unload our boxes of new books and take back with us books ready for the Bindery or those that have been read by all the people in the community, for, of course, one of the great advantages of a County Library System is, that branch libraries may be kept supplied with an ever changing collection of new and up-to-date material, while books that have outlived their usefulness in one community may be transferred elsewhere, where they have not been read.

Books in the Bohemian, German and Scandinavian languages, on psychology, evolution, dairying and landscape gardening, the latest western thriller and the good love story are loaned out from the desk in the Bookwagon just as frequently as from the library desk in the city and as we reach our destination at the main library about six o'clock in the evening, we may feel weary and worn but also realize that taking books that they want to people who want them is one of the nicest jobs imaginable.

In a recent article in one of the magazines appears the following statement:

"The County library system affords so good an opportunity to further the best form of all-round American education in furnishing material for a reading, thinking citizenship, that no stone should be left unturned in establishing such libraries on the best possible foundations."

ETHEL I. BERRY, Director,
Hennepin County Library,
Minneapolis, Minnesota.

SCHOOL LIBRARIES DEPARTMENT

AN OPPORTUNITY

An unusual opportunity is offered this year for the school librarians to share the inspiration of the Minnesota Library Association meeting in St. Paul at the Lowry Hotel November 8th-10th. Our visiting speaker, Miss Margaret Mann, who comes to us from the Library School of the University of Michigan will speak on Thursday morning November 10th. Thursday afternoon will be devoted to a Book Symposium of value to all librarians.

PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION

At the Fifth Annual convention of the Minnesota Congress of Parents and Teachers held at Fergus Falls there will be a conference on Home Education Wednesday afternoon, October 19 arranged by Harriet A. Wood, chairman of the Home Education Committee.

Miss Edna Moore, librarian, at Duluth will speak on Adult Magazines for Home Reading. Miss Mildred L. Batchelder newly appointed children's librarian at St. Cloud Teachers College will present Fundamental Books for a Child's Home Library together with a few Magazines. Miss Myra Buell, St. Paul Public Library will discuss Fundamental Adult Books for the Home. There will be an exhibit including the books and magazines taken up. Miss Lewis and Miss Oas of the local library will assist.

RED WING LIBRARY SERVICE

How the Public Library and the Public Schools Cooperate, by a Teacher

The Red Wing School Library is notable for its good collection of books and periodicals, but more notable for its very capable librarian and for its efficient and pleasant service.

The library is open for use every period in the day, and before and after school. When the school librarian cannot be in attendance, her place is taken by a teacher or by a dependable pupil.

The system of drawing books is very flexible and serviceable. Teachers may draw books for their departments and circulate them from their rooms in any way they desire. The library is more accessible to pupils than the classrooms which are being used by classes all day, so most of the books are circulated from the library. A teacher may at any time reserve books and decree that they are to be drawn for only one hour at a time through the day or overnight.

The school library is a branch of the city library; books may be drawn from the

city library for school use by the teacher and circulated by her from her class room or through the school library. Books that are in great demand by a particular class for a short time are usually removed to the school library where they can be used by pupils during their study periods, thus making it possible for more pupils to use the references within a short space of time. The school librarian often selects and secures material from the city library for the use of a class at the request of the teacher. When no longer needed these books may be returned through the school librarian in a strong box transported by the janitor, or returned directly by the teacher who drew them.

Most of the reference books are in the high school library, but there are also excellent references kept in the city library, much used by high school and seminary students. Since the city library is open till nine o'clock every evening it gives high school students an opportunity to do much of their reference work there. Several general reference works and a few of the special references for different subjects are duplicated in the two libraries; most of the fiction is purchased by and is kept in the city library, though the school does purchase and shelve fiction especially desirable for pupils of grade and high school age.

The co-operative spirit in the library system is notably strong, and books and illustrative material move back and forth between libraries in a steady stream.

Books are purchased at different times of the year. The teachers are asked to send in lists of books they want for their departments near the end of each semester, but the librarian makes the selection.

The city library is very attractive and very efficiently managed. There is a large children's room in the basement, which is well provided with books and pictures and there is a story hour when the children listen to stories read or told by one of the librarians. During the school year, this is held, I believe, on Saturday afternoons. The Children's room and the Conference room are frequently used by clubs, by high school debate teams, and for special meetings.

The library is beautified by ferns, several gifts of statuary, and a few pieces of furniture of historic value. A small alcove contains a case holding historic relics.

A good selection of daily papers and periodicals is in great demand evenings by young and old.

Patrons are allowed free access to the book stacks, which increases the value of the library to its users many times over. The wide variety of types of books shows

that the library tries to serve the community and its varying needs.

The outstanding features of the whole library system of Red Wing are the excellence of material in the library and the pleasantness of using it.

The school librarian is a full time librarian and her time is more than full. She attends to the circulation of books in the four grade buildings as well as in the high school. She gives the library lessons required in the English courses. When the librarian is teaching a class, the teacher takes her place in the high school library. With all her other work, this enthusiastic librarian has found time to organize a "Library Club" of high school girls. This club meets one night every second week to work out problems in the use and care of the library and to discuss topics of interest pertaining to the library. The success of the club is proved by the enthusiasm of the members, who are glad of this opportunity to learn more about the library.

A. L. A. AIDS FOR THE SCHOOL LIBRARY

The following library aids are on the 1927 supplements to the State School Library List. We believe most of the libraries will want them.

School Library Yearbook—Part I of the "Yearbook" is given over to a report of school library progress in the several sections of the United States. This section makes interesting and informative reading and furnishes plenty of facts which can be used in stimulating interest in school library development. Part II concerns itself with teaching the use of the library. This subject is of such importance that the Education Committee felt it should form the principal part of its first yearbook. The courses outlined are for elementary schools, junior and senior high schools, teachers' colleges and normal schools and colleges and universities. Part III is a directory of school librarians belonging to the A. L. A. The directory fills a long felt need and will be extremely useful. Paper, \$1.25.

Simple Library Cataloging is another useful tool just published this summer. It is a book which you will want on your desk and one which will be of great help to librarians, who lack formal training. Rules are stated clearly and concisely and many sample cards are reproduced throughout. \$1.25.

You will also find **Stories and Poems for Opening Exercises** an extremely useful tool. It is an index to forty inexpensive books which contain material for school and church programs. It was compiled by Elizabeth Ohr, Head of the School Libraries Division of the Indianapolis Public Library. In Indianapolis the index has been used for three years in mimeographed

form and is considered one of the greatest helps the library has for teachers. References are grouped under the important holidays, animals, nature subjects, and abstract qualities such as courage, ambition, etc. Paper, 40c. 10 copies, 35c each; 25 or more, 25c each.

For the Larger Schools

If you do not already have the A. L. A. Catalog, 1926, you no doubt will wish to consider it. It is a basic list of 10,000 volumes for the general library with full descriptive notes and all the information necessary for purchasing, classifying and cataloging the books listed. 1296 p. Cloth, \$6.00.

The following comment is made by Miss Helen Harris, Librarian, Smith-Cotton High School, Sedalia, Missouri: "Most school librarians are so pressed for time that they will welcome anything that offers so much valuable information in so compact a form. I find the L. C. numbers, serial numbers instead of page references, and the subject arrangement in the index decided time savers. The indicated subject headings make it possible to turn over more of the cataloging to student assistants. Heretofore I have spent many an hour at the public library looking up bibliographical information for book orders, now I can find most of it in our own library. The A. L. A. Catalog and the Standard Catalog for High Schools seem a good deal to me like the Bible and the dictionary in the household. No well established library can afford to be without them."

The Library Division will lend the volumes of the **Survey of Libraries in the United States**. Chapter V of volume 3 covers School Libraries.

The information presented is based on replies to a questionnaire received from 1107 schools, 73 normal schools and teachers' colleges. Because of the lack of uniformity in organization, administration and even in purpose of school libraries, an adequate survey was rendered extremely difficult, yet a number of useful facts regarding appropriations, budgets, expenditures, use of the library, methods of book selection, physical equipment, student help, instruction in use of library, school library supervisors, legislation and standards are brought out. The whole of Volume 4 touches the problems of every librarian; classification, cataloging, inventory, binding, repair, buildings and equipment. The "Survey" is priced at \$2.00 per volume.

Scripture, Elizabeth and Greer, Margaret R.—Find it yourself! A brief course in the use of books and libraries under the contract system. Teacher's edition and student's edition.

This small pamphlet is to be put into the hands of students themselves. It is very simple, for its authors know that

boys and girls cannot assimilate elaborate new material in the short time usually allowed for library lessons.

It is written in the contract method of assignment which allows the average child to do an average assignment, and the unusual child to get a higher grade by doing more work.

This plan allowing for individual instruction is of particular advantage in schools where there is no library class room, because with this pamphlet in hand students need no verbal instructions.

The teacher's edition contains an explanation of the method, and questions to use with each contract which calls for them.

SCHOOL LIBRARIANS

Emma Wiecking, librarian of Mankato Teachers College and Helen E. Farr, librarian at Bemidji Teachers College, have been given a year's leave of absence, and will attend Columbia School of Library Service, taking their second year's work for a Master's degree.

Lois Fawcett will be in charge of the Teachers College Library at Mankato, and Katherine Wesson, B. A. University of Illinois and Wisconsin Library School, 1927, who was for three years assistant in the LaCrosse Normal School, has been appointed assistant.

Margaret Nichol森 of Austin, Minnesota, Carleton College, 1926, and Columbia School of Library Service 1927, is acting librarian at Bemidji during the absence of Miss Farr.

During the summer Miss Elizabeth Scripture taught school library methods at the Albany State Teachers College and Miss Margaret Greer at Syracuse University.

Mildred Batchelder, B. A. Mt. Holyoke College and B. L. S. New York State Library School, formerly children's librarian in the Omaha Public Library has been appointed children's librarian in the St. Cloud Teachers College, a newly created position. St. Cloud is the first teachers college in the state to have a specialist in children's work.

Aune Martin, Wisconsin Library School, 1927 has been appointed school librarian at Cloquet. She will spend part of her time at the Public Library and will give instruction in the use of the library to the pupils from the grades through the high school.

Ada Hagen, assistant in the School Division of the St. Paul Public Library, has been appointed part time reference assistant in the J. J. Hill Reference Library, and will take some work at the University.

Constance Logue, school librarian at Coleraine, Constance Humphrey, Minnesota Historical Library and Beryl Anderson, school librarian, Hopkins will attend the Columbia School of Library Service.

Ethel Sauer, school librarian at Two Harbors has accepted a position as assistant at the Westchester Teachers College Library, near Philadelphia. Miss Sauer attended the summer session at Columbia and will complete her library training in succeeding summers.

Ruth M. Condon, a graduate of Grinnell College and teacher of dramatics and high school librarian at Mitchell, South Dakota, succeeds Alma Penrose at the University of Minnesota High School.

Margaret Clark, a graduate of Miami University, and of the Carnegie Library School of Pittsburgh is the new librarian at the State Teachers College, Winona. Miss Clark has had teaching experience and library experience in the University of Illinois library, as librarian of the Southern Illinois State Normal University and in the Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh.

Virginia Teitge, a graduate of the University of Illinois and of the Chicago Public Library Training Class has been appointed school librarian at Winona. She has had five years experience in the Chicago Library.

Mary Fleck, Los Angeles Library School is assistant librarian at Lincoln Junior H. S. Library, Minneapolis.

Sylva Hunt is in charge of Junior H. S. Library at Buhl, Helen Stratte is H. S. librarian at Eveleth, Ruth Erstad at Hopkins; Elizabeth Battin at Mankato, Irma Davis at Owatonna, Marie Kennedy at Two Harbors and Clara LeDahl at St. Cloud.

Teacher-librarians appointed are Sigrid Berg, Biwabik; Myrtle E. Johnson, Fairmont; Leonora Oas, Fergus Falls; Jura V. Sharp, Sleepy Eye.

NEWS FROM SCHOOL LIBRARIES

Askov—The following suggestive notice appeared in the Askov American this summer.

Twice we have called for library books; this is the third time. In checking over, the librarian finds the following books have been taken out and not returned. Will you look in all corners that one of these may have been overlooked earlier. The list includes books from the second grade through the high school. May we have these returned this week? I wish to close the library for the summer on June 13. Please.

Cloquet—Work in library study has begun in the freshman and sophomore classes of the local high school. Miss Martin will instruct all the pupils of the local schools, from the first grades through the high school in the use of the catalog of books in the library so that they will be better able to assist themselves in any and all their reference work.

This study will be carried throughout the year and is done in connection with the city library here.

New Ulm—To increase the use of the library among students in the grades, Miss Erna Holzinger, librarian, instituted a plan this past year which worked out most successfully. As a reward, Miss Holzinger offered children in the grade buildings a button which entitled them to membership in the reading club. In order to win this award, each child had to read and report on ten books. The building having the highest per cent received a picture. Each room in the grade buildings having the highest per cent also received a picture. The Lincoln school won the prize for the entire building and received a picture of "Sir Galahad" having 109 per cent average for the whole school. In this building the children in Miss Ruemke's room won the picture by having the largest per cent. Some of the children had earned two or three buttons.

Rochester—The high school library is a subscriber to fifty current magazines. Some are weekly, others monthly, and some are quarterly. Each one of these magazines is used for some kind of reference work. Many of the most popular magazines of the country, can be found there, including Travel, Literary Digest, Science and Invention, Mentor, House Beautiful, Youth's Companion, National Geographic, Boy's Life, American Girl, St. Nicholas, and Scribners. A few of these are bound permanently and placed on the shelves for future reference work.

A special feature of the Youth's Companion is a double page summary of current events which helps the history and economic classes. Travel has two good articles in the September issue, one on the Alpine Highway and the other on Bison Present in Oklahoma. An article on the

Black Hills, once the Indians' Home, appears in the National Geographic. Boy's Life presents Lindbergh's own story. Since July a serial article on Colonel Lawrence has been running in St. Nicholas. An article on the builder of the motor which took Lindbergh to Paris is of interest to boys who read the Youth's Companion.

These are articles in present issues. Each month Miss Baker, the librarian, keeps watch for exceptionally interesting articles of this type.

These magazines have heavy covers to protect them. During the vacation period these covers were cleaned and new titles pasted on them, so they are now ready for a busy year of reference work by the students.

The Junior College Library with Miss Miriam Vetter in charge is organized under a new system this year. No student is allowed to take a book from the shelves without permission from Miss Vetter or one of her three assistants: Marguerite Schnorr, Gladys Adler, and Gertrude Pomroy, students.

The library has a very good study room and reading room. A set of the Encyclopedia Britannica is a valuable addition, and many other new books have been ordered.

White Bear—Mr. Phillips, state director of high schools, went over the school and all details of equipment, methods, etc., while every feature and item passed quite highly, he was especially interested in the good showing in the library and general room facility. His statement was that of all the schools in the state inspected by him, this was the second to receive the plus mark, which means exceptionally good.

MINNESOTA EDUCATION ASSOCIATION

Librarians' Section

Minneapolis, November 11.

Friday 9:00 A. M.

Joint meeting with Social Studies group.

12:30—2:00

Luncheon. Greeting from Miss Wood.

Place—The Yellow Lantern, University and 14th Ave. Reservations may be made with Augusta Bjeldanes, Roosevelt High School, Minneapolis.

2:00 P. M.

At the John Marshall High School Library.

Business 15 min.

2:15 Periodicals and the training of H. S. Students—Frank K. Walter, Librarian, University of Minn.

3:00 The Catalog and the School Library—Margaret Mann, Associate Professor of Library Science, University of Michigan.

Opportunity to inspect this library, built and equipped according to the school librarian's plan, and for informal conferences—Elizabeth Scripture.